

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the creation of a task force to conduct a study and  
3 develop recommendations on the efficacy of the continuation of  
4 daylight saving time in this state.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. TEXAS TASK FORCE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. (a)  
7 The Texas Task Force on Daylight Saving Time is created.

8 (b) The task force shall study the efficacy of the  
9 continuation of daylight saving time in this state.

10 (c) The task force is composed of the following seven  
11 members:

12 (1) one member appointed by the governor;

13 (2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor;

14 (3) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives;

16 (4) one member appointed by the commissioner of  
17 agriculture;

18 (5) one member appointed by the comptroller;

19 (6) one member appointed by the chair of the Railroad  
20 Commission of Texas; and

21 (7) one member appointed by the chair of the Texas  
22 Transportation Commission.

23 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the task force  
24 to serve as presiding officer.

1           (e) A member of the task force is not entitled to  
2 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the member's  
3 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and  
4 the General Appropriations Act.

5           (f) The task force shall compile a detailed report of its  
6 findings and recommendations and shall submit the report to the  
7 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
8 representatives not later than December 1, 2016. The report must  
9 include a recommendation by the task force as to whether the  
10 legislature should act to exempt the state from the provisions of  
11 the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. Section 260a(a)) that  
12 establish daylight saving time.

13           (g) The task force is not subject to Chapter 2110,  
14 Government Code.

15           (h) The task force is abolished and this Act expires on  
16 January 1, 2017.

17           SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS. The members of the task  
18 force shall be appointed to the Texas Task Force on Daylight Saving  
19 Time, as required by this Act, as soon as practicable after the  
20 effective date of this Act.

21           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
23 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
24 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
25 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.